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## **Man Sentenced to Prison for Rape, Attempted Murder of Estranged Wife**

A 33-year-old man was sentenced yesterday to 74 years to life in state prison for brutally beating and sexually assaulting his wife in her South Los Angeles home, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On June 20, a jury found Bryan Keith Mitchell guilty of three felony counts in case TA138142: attempted murder, spousal rape and assault with a deadly weapon.

Jurors also found true a special allegation that the defendant personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a bat, during the commission of the crime. Additionally, jurors found true that Mitchell personally inflicted great bodily injury on the victim during the attack.

Deputy District Attorney Craig Rouviere of the Victim Impact Program, who prosecuted the case, said at the time of the crime Mitchell's wife had filed a restraining order against her husband.

On Sept. 5, 2015, Mitchell entered his wife's South Los Angeles home through a window, grabbed a bat and began to beat her, the prosecutor said.

The defendant then dragged his wife into another room and raped her, the prosecutor added.

Following the sexual assault, Mitchell fled the scene and the victim called 911 for help, according to the prosecutor.

A case against Mitchell was filed for warrant on Sept. 11, 2015. Less than two weeks later, the defendant was located in Victorville and taken into custody.

The domestic violence case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Southeast Division.

## **About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office**

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.